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Dear Neighbour:

Upcoming Spill Response Base Construction

As you may recall from our October 2017 letter, Western Canada Marine Response (WCMRC) is constructing a new on-water spill response base in Vancouver Harbour. This base is part of a larger expansion planned to meet enhanced spill response requirements associated with the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. This larger expansion will double WCMRC's capacity and cut mandated response times in half in South Coast waters. Work on this project had been on hold and resumed last year.

The proposed 24-hour facility will operate seven days a week and consist of new docks to moor vessels, as well as an office to accommodate response crews. Response barges will act as a breakwater for rapid response vessels, mobile skimmers and workboats. The base may also provide future moorage for one of Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services' fireboats.

We have received a project permit from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to build the response base and wanted to notify you of our upcoming construction activities.

When will construction start?

We anticipate starting construction the week of September 21, 2020. Construction is anticipated to take approximately one year to complete.

Work will take place on weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. WCMRC's permit from the port authority does allow for work from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. should that be required. No work will be carried out on Sundays or on statutory holidays.

What work will be taking place?

Over the next year, construction will include both land-based and marine components. All work during 2020 is anticipated to be marine based. Uplands construction will begin in March 2021, and we will reach out to you at that time with more information on that work.

The following marine-based construction activities to construct new docks will take place this year:

- Pile installation using vibration technology
- Dock installation (float and gangway installation)

- A temporary barge staging area will be established to support marine construction

Where is this happening?

The proposed base is located at 2800 Commissioner Street, Vancouver. The location of our upcoming work is shown on the map below in red (overall base location shown in blue).



What will the new base look like?

The rendering below provides a south facing view of the base.



How will this impact me?

We do not expect neighbouring residences and businesses to be impacted by this work. We have taken a number of measures to mitigate noise, including limiting construction activities to daytime hours, timing truck shipments to limit impact on the community and turning off vehicles and equipment when not in use.

You can also visit the project website for the latest updates:

wcmrc.com/news/new-spill-response-base-planned-vancouver-harbour/

Questions regarding the port authority's permitting process can be directed to their Community Feedback Line at Community.feedback@portvancouver.com or 604-665-9004.

If you have any feedback, questions or would like more information, please send them to comments@wcmrc.com or 778-991-0003. We'll continue to keep you informed as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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